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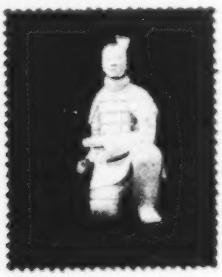
To: Members of delegations and staff

From: The Assistant Secretary-General for Central Support Services

Subject: FIRST DAY OF ISSUE: "THE TERRACOTTA WARRIORS" STAMPS AND PRESTIGE BOOKLETS, AND THE 1997 ANNUAL COLLECTION FOLDERS

Commemorative stamps

1. On Wednesday, 19 November 1997, the United Nations Postal Administration (UNPA) will issue a set of six commemorative stamps and three prestige booklets on the theme "The Terracotta Warriors" in commemoration of the twenty-fifth Jubilee of the World Heritage Convention. The stamps, in denominations of 32 cents, 60 cents, 0,45 Swiss francs, 0,70 Swiss francs, 3 schillings and 6 schillings, will be printed in sheets of 20 stamps. The stamps were designed by Robert Stein (United Nations), based on photographs by Guo Youmin (China).



US$ 0.32

SwF 0,45

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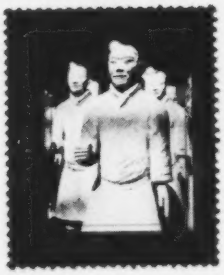

SwF 0,70

S 6

(United States equivalents - SwF 0,45: US$ 0.31, SwF 0,70: US$ 0.49, S 3: US$ 0.25 and S 6: US$ 0.50 - subject to exchange rate fluctuation)

Prestige booklets

2. The three prestige booklets have a common design; each contains 24 mint stamps in either United States, Swiss or Austrian denominations, based on the designs of the six commemorative stamps on the theme "The Terracotta Warriors". The booklets are priced at $1.92, $1.67 and $1.98 respectively, subject to fluctuating exchange rates.

1997 annual collection folders

3. The New York, Geneva and Vienna annual collection folders of single mint stamps and souvenir sheets issued in 1997 will be released on or about 19 November 1997. It should be noted that stamps in the 1997 endangered species series and the 1997 flag series will not be included in the individual New York, Geneva or Vienna annual collection folders. They are contained in separate albums.

1997 flag series folder

4. The 1997 flag series folder will be released on 19 November 1997. One of each of the eight flag stamps issued in 1997 will be included with each album, together with the appropriate mounts.

General information

5. For the convenience of collectors, UNPA at Headquarters will provide prepared and cancelled New York, Geneva and Vienna first-day covers on the UNPA official first-day cachets only.

6. Members of delegations and the staff may obtain the new stamps, first day covers, prestige booklets and annual collection folders on Wednesday, 19 November at the following locations:

(a) The UNPA sales counter in the concourse of the General Assembly Building from 9 a.m. to 5.30 p.m.;

(b) Counter at the north end of the Secretariat lobby from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

7. First day of issue cancellations can be obtained at the following temporary United States Postal Service substations:

(a) Counter outside the United Nations Bookstore in the concourse of the General Assembly Building from 9 a.m. to 5.30 p.m.;

(b) Counter along the west wall of the north end of the Secretariat North Lobby from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

8. Information on United Nations stamps can be accessed on the Internet at http://www.un.org/Depts/UNPA.